

## Security Council Postpones Discussion On Atom Control

LAKE SUCCESS (New York,) Wednesday.

**DIRECTLY** the United Nations Security Council met today, Mr. Herschel Johnson (United States) called on the Council to discuss America's atom control proposals before considering the Soviet proposal to appoint a Disarmament Commission within three months.

He proposed that in accordance with the Assembly's resolution, the Security Council "give first priority to the establishment of international control over atomic energy and accordingly will consider and act upon the report of the Atomic Energy Commission as soon as it is received. It will thereafter consider what further practical measures it should take and in what order of priority, for implementation of the General Assembly resolution."

M. Andrei Gromyko (Soviet Russia) retorted that the Council's first task, according to the Assembly resolution, was formulating of practical measures for armament reduction. This was precisely the aim of the Soviet proposal to appoint an 11-member commission.

The Council postponed discussion of the question until the next meeting, which will be not later than January 7.

Mr. Johnson said that he would not present the United States resolution at this point.

As the retiring Chairman, Mr. Johnson said that he would request the incoming Chairman to place the question of Trieste on the provisional agenda of the next meeting in order to conform to the wishes of the Council of Foreign Ministers. Summing up the work of the Security Council during the year, Mr. Johnson declared that he had been heartened and there was encouragement in the increased number of issues on which the Council had been able to reach unanimous decisions in the latter part of the year.

Bidding farewell to the representatives of the three nations retiring from the Council, Mr. Johnson paid a tribute to "the most important contributions of the Netherlands" and the wise counsels of Egypt and Mexico. Egypt's Mahmoud Hussain Pasha replying said: "I feel the world at large now thinks that we are making some contributions to keeping the peace of the world."

Mexico's Luis Paz Nervo said: "World security can and will be achieved only through tolerance and good faith of all within the framework of the United Nations. Co-operation of the non-permanent members of the Security Council will be of paramount importance."

The Netherlands' Dr. Van Kleffens said: "I can see for this Council an immense field of fruitful activity lying ahead in the disarmament question and pacification of South East Europe."

The Council then adjourned.—Reuter.

## Sikhs' Plea to Adhere to Cabinet Mission Plan

LAHORE, Wednesday.

**T**HE Panthic delegation to the Constituent Assembly, consisting of Giani Kartar Singh, Sardar Ujal Singh and Sardar Harnam Singh, addressing Pressmen in Lahore last evening reiterated the Sikh demand for full representation in the Minorities Advisory Committee of the Constituent Assembly and safeguards in all matters affecting the Sikhs in the Punjab and the North-West group. Sardar Swarn Singh, the Sikh Minister in the Punjab Cabinet was present. Explaining the Sikh position 'vis-a-vis' the Minorities Advisory Committee the delegation urged that the Cabinet Mission Plan of May 16 should be faithfully adhered to and the community should be given full representation on the Advisory Committee.

They suggested that any question relating to the protection of minorities particularly fundamental rights affecting the Sikh community, should for its decision require the majority of the representatives of the Sikh community, present and voting, as well as the majority of the members of the Constituent Assembly, present and voting.

### RIGHT TIME WASTED

The delegation reminded the Congress that it wasted the right time to implement their promises given from time to time to the Sikh community.

Giani Kartar Singh stated that even though no reply had been received from Acharya Kripalani regarding memorandum submitted by the Panthic delegation on December 17, seeking Congress support for the Sikh demand, the Congress President had told them that the question would be considered and decided by the Congress Working Committee at the time of the meeting of A.L.C.C.

Giani Kartar Singh repudiated the suggestion that the Panthic delegation had approached the Muslim League leaders to seek their support for the Sikh cause. He said that no approach had been made to the Muslim League by the Sikhs but he did not know if the Congress was approaching the Muslim League.—API.

## General Manager Of U.S. Atomic Energy Commission

**P**RESIDENT TRUMAN has appointed Mr. Carroll Louis Wilson, aged 36, as General Manager of the WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

United States Atomic Energy Commission.

Another appointment announced by the President yesterday was that of Mr. A. L. M. Wiggins, as Under-Secretary of the Treasury, the appointment to take effect when the present Under-Secretary, Max Gardner takes up his new appointment as U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain.

Mr. Wilson was prominently associated with the development of scientific weapons during the war and has been consultant to the Commission since October last.—APA.

## U. S. Atom Bombs Transferred To 5-Man Commission

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

**P**RESIDENT Truman signed an executive order transferring the vast atomic resources of the nation, and atomic bombs from the War Department to a Five-Man Civilian Commission as from midnight (New York time).

Major-General Leslie Groves under whose guidance the fabulous "Manhattan Project" developed atomic bombs was present in the President's office and later shook hand with Mr. Davis Lillenthal who heads the Civilian Commission.

Afterwards Mr. Lillenthal told reporters "tonight at midnight the people of the United States turn over to five civilians the most potent weapon of all time along with a charter directing that every effort be made to promote beneficial use of atomic energy. There has never been such a demonstration of the nation's desire and intent to use for the advance of mankind the new discovery."

Mr. Lillenthal declared the great atomic plants and equipments are worth 2,25,000,000 dollars and the scattered task facing the Commission is development of beneficial applications of atomic energy.—Reuter.

## Achhut Students Congratulate Mr. J. N. Mandal

(By A Correspondent)

NAGPUR, Wednesday.

**T**HE second session of the All-India Scheduled Castes Students' Federation was held at Nagpur under the presidency of the Hon'ble Mr. J. N. Mandal, Law Member, Interim Government of India. The conference was attended by about 31 delegates from various provinces i.e., Bengal, U.P., C.P. and Berar, Bombay and States including Hyderabad.

Among the resolutions passed was one congratulating the Hon'ble Mr. Mandal on his appointment as a Law Member in the Interim Government. The conference demanded full encouragement and facilities from the Provincial and States Governments for the educational advancement of the Scheduled Castes community.

It also condemned the atrocities and injustices perpetrated by some managers of the Harijan Hostel and requested the provincial Government to take charge of all hostels run by the Harijan Sevaks Sangha.

The conference by another resolution appointed a sub-committee for amending the Constitution of the All-India Scheduled Castes Students' Federation which was afterwards placed in the convention of delegates and finally passed. The Council of delegates under the presidency of Advocate S. M. Meshram elected the Working Committee and its office-bearers.

### BRITISH SCIENTISTS

LONDON, Wednesday. The party of British scientists who were delayed by bad weather left the London Airport yesterday for India to attend the India Science Congress in Delhi.

The delegation which includes British, French, American and Canadian scientists is led by Sir Charles Darwin, head of the National Physics Laboratory.—Reuter.

## Nationalisation Of Britain's Coal Industry

LONDON, Wednesday.

**C**OAL industry on which Britain's prosperity depends was due to pass into ownership of the nation today.

At the moment when mills and engineering shops are closing through lack of fuel a Nationalisation Act will be formally presented to Lord Hyndley, Chairman of the National Coal Board by Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and Power.

This act will signify the first handing over of an industry under sweeping nationalisation plans of the Labour Government and will open a new chapter in the troubled history of mines.

A flag of the National Coal Board—royal blue bearing the initials NCB in white—will be hoisted over the Board's temporary headquarters in London, and during the week-end miners in coal-field will celebrate with dances and concerts.

Tomorrow's ceremony in London will be attended by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and members of his Cabinet, of the National Coal Board and of the Executive of the National Union of mine-workers.

Every mine-workers and member of the Board's staff will receive a pamphlet containing messages from the Prime Minister, Lord Hyndley, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell and others.

On Sunday, miners, managers and officials led by their bands will go to the collieries to see the Board's flag hoisted at the pit-head. A notice board announcing the change of ownership displayed at each colliery will read "this colliery is now managed by the National Coal Board on behalf of the people."

Today at the last Cabinet meeting of the year, Mr. Shinwell reported to his colleagues on the critical fuel position which has closed or threatened to close a number of industries for brief periods.

It is understood that no drastic changes were proposed in the present scheme. Coal production has gone up by four per cent in an average week, but consumption has risen about 4.8 per cent.—Reuter.

## Jagjivan Ram's Call to Workers

MADURA, Wednesday.

**A** CALL to workers not to allow themselves to be exploited by interested parties or persons for political or party purposes was made by Mr. M. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Member in the Interim Government, addressing a huge gathering of Madura public this evening.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram is touring Tamilnad. He said that he believed that workers should be organised and unions formed only for trade union purposes. It was criminal, he added, to exploit the ignorance of workers for advancing the cause of any party.

Mr. Jagjivan Ram said that ever since he took charge of his department he had been trying his best to see as to how soon he could improve the lot of Indian labourers. He had introduced a Bill in the Central Assembly making it compulsory for employers to recognise trade unions and he hoped that this Bill which had already been referred to Select Committee would be enacted into law in the next session of the Assembly.

He wanted to take up the question of minimum and fair wage. Something had urgently got to be done in improving the housing conditions of the workers.

Health Insurance Bill had already been introduced by him in the Central Assembly. This Bill was a measure which provided for payment of wages in cases of sickness and maternity, accidents and other cases. It also provided for medical facilities for workers in every industry.—API.

## BENGAL GOVT TO INCREASE PROVINCIAL TAXES

CALCUTTA, Wednesday. Mr. Mohammad Ali, Minister in charge of Finance, Health and Local Self Government, inaugurating a conference of chairman and vice-chairman of the Bengal Municipalities at Howrah yesterday indicated that the Government of Bengal was examining the feasibility of increasing certain provincial taxes in the coming year.

The Minister further told the conference that the Government had in mind a provincial town and planning and housing act, which, he hoped, would result in great improvement in the conditions of towns and cities.

## M. Blum Announces General Reduction of Prices in France

PARIS, Wednesday.

**T**HE French Government have decided on a general reduction of prices in industry and agriculture by five per cent from January 1, 1947, and a further five per cent at the beginning of February, it was announced at the Prime Minister's office last night.

The announcement followed conferences between M. Leon Blum, the French Premier, employers, agriculturists and trade union leaders.

M. Leon Blum is reported to have told representatives of capital and labour that the Government was now concentrating on a price stabilisation policy, which it was proposed to introduce by a "psychological stock" of successive price reductions in January and February. Representatives of employers and agriculturists promised the Government their support, it was stated.

M. Leon Jouhaux, trade union leader, told the Press that the General Labour Confederation (French T.U.C.) would collaborate with the Government and was ready to make concessions in the forthcoming negotiations for higher wages "in so far as the Government really succeeds in reducing prices."

### GOVTS OBJECTS

Announcing the Government's decision to reduce prices in a New Year's eve broadcast last night, M. Blum told the French nation: "The Government's good wishes to the French people are not merely platonic. The Provisional Government has two main objectives; (1) To save France; (2) To increase the real purchasing power of the working masses."

"The Government has already made a substantial effort to balance the budget. Tonight I tell you that from January 1 there will be a general decrease of industrial, commercial and agricultural prices by five per cent and a decrease of five per cent will take place within 60 days."—Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S EXPENDITURE ON DECREASE

LONDON, Wednesday.

**B** RITAIN'S expenditure is falling, according to the returns for the first nine months of the financial year published here tonight.

Informed quarters think that if this satisfactory trend continues, the Chancellor of the Exchequer Dr. Hugh Dalton may make welcome concessions to the British tax payers in next April's budget.

Three outstanding features of the returns are:—Expenditure totals 2,681,567,682 sterling against 4,137,339,730 sterling at this time last year, thus showing a remarkable decrease of 1,455,972,048 sterling.

Revenue totals 2,079,698,684 sterling showing an increase of 48,748,372 sterling. The 'deficit' or difference between expenditure and revenue has now fallen to a comparatively modest figure of 601,668,998 sterling.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer estimated that Britain would spend 3,892,040,000 sterling by the time the financial year ends on March and it does not seem that this estimate will be exceeded. The Chancellor's estimate was 3,161,300,000 sterling.—Reuter.

## Plot Against Hungarian Regime Discovered

BUDAPEST, Wednesday.

**N** EARLY 50 arrests have followed the discovery here of a plot against the present Hungarian regime. Investigations conducted under Deputy Defence Ministry Lieutenant-General Pulffy have uncovered a large scale organisation in which serving officers and civil servants were taking part.

The organisation stated to be of an extreme nationalist tendency is said to have had the aim at causing disturbances inside Hungary and among Hungarians living abroad following the conclusion of the peace treaty between Hungary and the Allies.

No official information about the results of the investigations has, however, yet been given. Among the persons arrested was Demons Szentivanyi, who in 1944 conducted armistice negotiations in Moscow on behalf of Admiral Nicholas Horthy, Regent of Hungary until the German collapse.

Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency stated in a report from Belgrade that the conspirators were in contact with the followers of Admiral Horthy abroad. The agency added that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of retired General Lajos Dalcovics whose disappearance has been reported.—Reuter.

## BARODA DEWAN ON FUTURE OF INDIAN STATES

BARODA, Wednesday.

**B** ARODA is anxious to make its contribution in framing the new constitution for an independent India and the Maharaja Gakwar has already said this in a statement to the "London Times" prior to his departure from London to India, said Sir Brojendral Mitter, Dewan of Baroda at a Press conference last evening.

Reviewing the position of Indian States vis-a-vis Constituent Assembly, Sir Brojendral said that the Indian States would become wholly independent when paramountcy lapsed and the Constitution for a new independent India came into operation unless the States had, by that time, negotiated their way into the Constituent Assembly.

Regarding grouping of the smaller Indian States, the Dewan of Baroda said that smaller Indian States could not have independent existence and that they have to either group with bigger States or join the contiguous British Indian district.

Sir Brojendral also made a passing reference to the agitation both in the Press and on the platform for immediate grant of full responsible Government in Indian States and expressed the opinion that it was constitutionally impossible so long as paramountcy lasted as full responsible Government in the States and paramountcy were inconsistent.

Dealing with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's resolution before the Constituent Assembly he said that it amounted to the expression of ultimate goal, but all units need not have uniform constitution.

He expressed the view that it would not be possible to send to the Constituent Assembly elected representatives from the States in all cases as in certain cases like the Central Rajputana States 90 per cent of the people were illiterate and therefore representatives would have to be nominated in such cases.—API.

## Dehra Dun Muslims Demand League Leader's Release

(By A Correspondent)

DEHRA DUN, Wednesday.

**A** MASS meeting of the Muslims of Dehra Dun was held to hear Maulana Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, President of the All-India Jamiatul Ulama Islam. The Maulana in his forceful and lucid speech explained the present situation and stressed the need of unity among the rank and file of the Muslims.

The meeting passed the following resolution unanimously:—

"The Muslims of Dehra Dun, demand immediate release of Mr. Wisaluddin, President City Muslim League Mussoorie and condemn the attitude of the Congress Government towards the Muslim League workers."

## GANDHI ASKED TO VISIT BIHAR BY LEAGUE M.L.A.

(By "Dawn" Patna Correspondent)

PATNA, Wednesday.

**I**N a statement to the Press today Syed Badruddin Ahmed, MLA, General Secretary, Bihar Provincial Muslim League has challenged Mr. Gandhi to come Bihar and prove after his tour in the affected areas that even one point contained in the official report of the provincial Muslim League was wrong or exaggerated.

The statement says: "After coming back from the tour of the affected areas I saw the statement saying that the report of the Bihar Provincial Muslim League is full of exaggerations. This is not surprising since it appears that it suits Mr. Gandhi to remain at Noakhali with a view to rivet world's attention to the east Bengal."

"I challenge Mr. Gandhi to prove any one point or detail in to report to be wrong. It does not look fair or honest to pass judgment on the conditions in a certain province while remaining hundreds of miles away."

CALCUTTA, Wednesday. The Calcutta Corporation Workers' strike, which was scheduled to start on January 2, has been postponed to January 1, in view of the assurances given by the Corporation to consider the demands of the workers favourably.

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